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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Solid Waste Professionals,

The second annual educational seminar on the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA) was completed on February 5th. Last year's version was via webinar, while this year we opted for an in-person meeting in Springfield. We were very pleased to partner with Illinois EPA on the undertaking this year. The challenge of the weather certainly taxed our flexibility for meeting the requirements of a busy schedule, as the meeting was originally scheduled for January 30. Thank you to all of the presenters and the Illinois EPA for your participation and flexibility. A special thank you for Kerri Gale, ILCSWMA VP and event coordinator for her quick action in rescheduling the event and communicating the change so efficiently.

This seminar allowed for conversations between county representatives and the IEPA on how to improve the process to opt-in and participate. More information on this event can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Helping our local government members successfully implement their electronics collection programs under CERA is one of ILCSWMA's primary goals for 2019. Other goals include having regional meetings in the first half of the year to network, address CERA, and provide updates on other issues, such as contamination in recycling.

Another key goal is to put together our annual conference for 2019, to be held in Springfield October 31st and November 1st. For the second year in a row we will have a Halloween costume contest at the conference; this year we are calling it "*Costumes at the Capital*". Also, on October 30th an evening safety seminar will be presented by SWANA prior to the ILCSWMA annual conference. Mark your calendars for these important events.

Until next time....

All my best, Marlin Hartman

ASSOCIATION NEWS

WRAP-UP OF IEPA-ILCSWMA CERA MEETING ON FEB. 5

IEPA & ILCSWMA co-sponsored a successful CERA meeting on February 5th at the Wyndham in Springfield. Melissa Silva from IEPA facilitated two panel discussions, one made up of county representatives and the other made up of recyclers. The attendees, numbering just under 70 persons, were able to ask questions and state concerns.

The following were the main concerns brought up during panel discussions:

- *Underweight trucks and financial penalty* - those unfamiliar with collections have little experience. Pro-rating underweight load costs and discussions with recycler may minimize this concern.
- *Site selection* - Difficult for counties to select site and date of one-day collections so far into the future.
- *Staffing for collections* - Volunteers or county employees' ability to properly separate, package and load e-waste safely and efficiently.
- Confusion with manufacturer through initial planning for methods of implementation of opt-in plan. Some counties did not feel they were negotiated with in good faith and in some cases, no discussion at all with assigned manufacturer.
- *Unidentified costs* - Lack of previous collection experience causes concern for some counties.
- Many felt the [2019 Electronics Recycling Representative Organization Clearinghouse Program Plan](#) published by IEPA did not include enough details.

Other discussions focused on data collection and dissemination, enforcement and a Task Force. The CERA legislation includes the creation of an Advisory Electronics Recycling Task Force to address concerns identified through that Act. A list of proposed participants for the Task Force have been submitted to the Governor for approval.

Key future actions needed:

- Counties need to continue to [Opt-in](#) before the March 1 deadline. Don't let unknowns prevent you from opting-in. Events can be cancelled if needed, you are not required to do all events scheduled. Obviously reasonable notification required for cancellation.
- County participation is needed to support CERA and aid residents in convenient e-waste recycling.
- ILCSWMA aims to create an informal data collection system through Survey Monkey to contact counties for events and data through 2019. 2019 data from ILCSWMA will be disseminated to help counties make opt-in decisions for program year 2021. (IEPA data for 2019 may not be available until April 2020.)
- IEPA will develop a FAQ document to be distributed by email. (Now posted to [ILCSWMA website](#))
- IEPA will follow up on concerns brought up during this event and continue to push for the creation of the Task Force.

ILCSWMA very much appreciated the co-sponsorship of the event by IEPA, and the dedication displayed by Melissa Silva at IEPA to bring success to CERA program implementation. We thank all who spoke or attended and look forward to continuing to lead on this important issue to county governments and Illinois citizens.

ASSOCIATION NEWS continued

2019 MINI-GRANTS AVAILABLE

The ILCSWMA Board of Directors reminds members of the availability of two mini-grants, worth up to \$1,250 each, for full member (government) organizations. The objective of this grant program is to stimulate the collection and landfill diversion of any of the following post-consumer materials:

- Food Waste;
- HHW;
- Paint;
- Mercury- Containing Devices;
- Carpet; or
- Pharmaceuticals.

Fundable projects must include collection (permanent or one-time) of one or more of these aforementioned materials. Applications are **due**

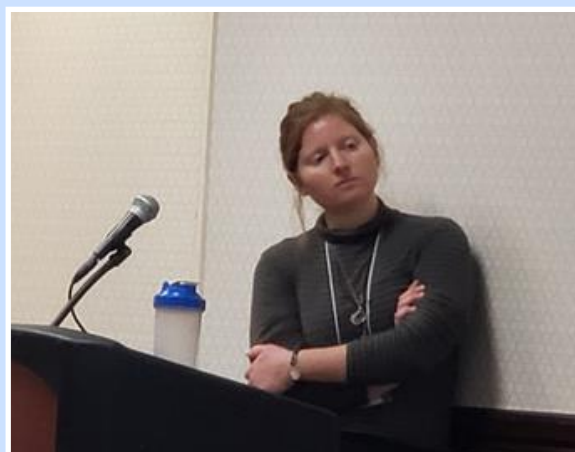
by March 29, 2019 and information is posted on the "Documents" page of the [ILCSWMA website](http://www.ilcswma.org).



PHOTOS FROM FEB. 5TH CERA MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD



Marlin Hartman, ILCSWMA President, provides closing remarks



Melissa Silva, IEPA, listens carefully to concerns presented about CERA implementation

INDUSTRY NEWS

NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The Illinois Recycling Contamination Task Force's next meeting is set for 10 am, March 12, 2019 at the Prairie View Landfill in Will County. Topics to be discussed include:

- Status of the IEPA's website and MRF survey.
- Cart tagging best management practices.
- Statewide education campaign and potential funding from IEPA.
- The Earth Day push, including possible development of a video for common use.
- Legislation that may impact the Task Force's efforts.

NWRA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) released its [Federal Legislative & Regulatory Agenda](#) for 2019. "Last year, NWRA's Government Affairs Committee approved 36 policy positions on the most pressing federal issues impacting the waste and recycling industry. We have updated these positions for 2019 to reflect changes in congressional priorities as well as our successes from 2018," stated NWRA President and CEO Darrell Smith. "We will continue our aggressive lobbying effort in support of these policies aimed at maintaining a strong and robust waste and recycling industry that benefits the American public."

NWRA is the trade association representing America's private-sector companies in the waste and recycling industry.

NWRA & SWANA CALL FOR CHANGES TO POST-CLOSURE CARE

National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) and the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) have jointly released documents recommending a major shift in the process states use to determine when closed municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills are ready to end post-closure care (PCC).

"NWRA and SWANA worked hard to develop this document together. We believe that a one-size-fits-all approach to post-closure care is too prescriptive and does not account for the differences among landfills," said Darrell Smith, NWRA president and CEO, in a statement. "A performance-based standard offers wider applicability to achieve the same environmental protection goals."

RCRA Federal Subtitle D established a post-closure care period of 30 years but allowed individual states to adjust the actual length of time up or down as it thought necessary to protect human health and the environment. The federal standard did not specify the data or methodology required to be used. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency addressed a similar lack of specificity regarding post-closure care for hazardous waste landfills in 2016.

Both NWRA and SWANA call for the length of required post-closure care to be determined on a site-specific basis, rather than set by regulation at a single predetermined number of years for all closed MSW landfills in all 50 states. Both organizations also advocate for the development of consistent data collection requirements and an agreed-upon approach to the technical evaluation.

[SWANA's technical policy](#) and [NWRA's position statement](#) are very similar and reflect the collaboration between the members of the two associations on this topic. Both emphasize the need for supporting data and protection of human health and the environment through the process of evaluating a landfill's stability and readiness for the termination of post-closure care.

SWEEP ISSUES DRAFT MUNICIPAL STANDARD

The Public Comment Draft of the SWEEP Municipal Standard is now open for comment until the beginning of March 2019. View the draft at:

<http://nrra.net/sweep/municipal-sweep-standard/>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

ILCSWMA provides periodic updates to our members throughout the Illinois legislative session on bills of potential interest. Below is a list of such bills as filed to date. Click on the links to see details listed on the Illinois General Assembly website. This list will be updated and sent via email as needed.

SB1240— If you have questions on this particular bill, Walter Willis from SWALCO (wwillis@swalco.org) can answer them.

[SB0009](#) Coal Ash Cleanup & Storage Act

[SB1114](#) Amends Counties Code. Addresses imminent public health hazards.

[SB1117](#) Coal Ash Storage Act

[SB1184](#) Amends Counties Code. Allows ban on coal tar sealants.

[SB1240](#) Checkout Bag Tax Act

[SB1337](#) Energy Performance Contracting Act

[SB1618](#) Amends Environmental Protection Act to allow plastics processed by pyrolysis or gasification facilities to be considered recycled, and not regulated as waste

[SB1828](#) Creates the Needle and Hypodermic Syringe Access Program Act

[SB1847](#) Environmental Protection Agency shall provide notice when a permit for a new facility is required

[SB2027](#) Amends Environmental Protection Act with Mahomet Aquifer Task Force recommendations

[SB2073](#) Amends the Illinois Groundwater Protection Act. Creates the Mahomet Aquifer Council.

[SB2094](#) Amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act

[HB0249](#) IL Hazardous Materials Workforce Training Act

[HB0349](#) Drug & Sharps Waste Stewardship Act

[HB2095](#) Environmental Impact Note Act

[HB2296](#) Lead acid battery and rechargeable battery disposal

[HB2443](#) Amends Counties Code. Allows ban on coal tar sealants.

[HB2491](#) Amends Environmental Protection Act to allow plastics processed by pyrolysis or gasification facilities to be considered recycled, and not regulated as waste

[HB2651](#) Creates the Illinois Container Fee and Deposit Act

[HB2728](#) Amends Environmental Protection Act . Environmental justice considerations in permitting.

[HB2764](#) Special waste manifests

[HB2988](#) Amends the Counties Code. Zoning of wind energy farms.

[HB3058](#) Creates the Abandoned Residential Property Act

[HB3068](#) Amends the Illinois Solid Waste Management Act. Requires development of Illinois Resource Management Plan.

[HB3232](#) Creates the Prescription Drug Repository Program Act

[HB3246](#) Creates the Retail Store Sharps Disposal Act

[HB3335](#) Creates the Carryout Bag Fee Act

[HB3379](#) Creates the Plastic Straw Ban Act

[HB3383](#) Amends the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act. Adds provisions for county board consent.

[HB3414](#) Creates the Prescription Drug Repository Pilot Program Act

[HB3555](#) Creates the Junk Mail Opt-Out List Act

[HB3563](#) Creates the Green Energy Business Act

[HB3647](#) Requires pharmacies to have free drug take-back kiosks

[HB3675](#) Special waste manifests

(List as of 2/15/19)